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"Belfast" Marine Gaoled

London, Dec. 29. "Definitely not," was the reply given by a 17-year-old Porthsmouth girl when asked at Winchester. Assizes if she still wanted to marry the man in the dock, who had pleaded "guilty" to a charge of taking her away from her mother while she was under age.

She agreed that she had been fond of the man, Roy Voller, aged 20, a deserter from the Royal Marines, and had wanted to marry him. When asked by his counsel, Mr. Back, if she thought Voller was fond of her, she answered bitterly: "He said he was."

Voller, who asked for three cases of stealing, and one of false pretences to be taken into consideration, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Wrottesley to 12 months' imprisonment.

"I expect you show some sense," was the judge's comment when the girl said she did not want to marry Voller.

Mr. Back said that by the time Voller was 18 he had a record of active service of which any grown man might be proud. When 14, he joined the Marines in 1940, and in the following year was posted to H.M.S. Manchester, conveying in the Mediterranean. She was torpedoed and Voller, then 15, was posted to H.M.S. Emerald, and later to H.M.S. Belfast, on the Russian convoy route, in which he served until taking part in D-Day operations.

Passion For Sea

When, at the age of 18, Voller returned to shore duties he found the parade ground "routine irksome, and wanted to break his 12-year contract with the Marines. During the war he had formed a passion for the sea and wanted to go into the Merchant Navy.

His application to have his contract with the Royal Marines altered to a war-time one was rejected, and Voller, frustrated, seemed to go off the rails completely.

The parents, said Mr. Back, had been separated for many years, his father being in Colombo and his mother in London.

Describing his offence as "a wild escapade of two very silly young people," Mr. Back said that Voller still desired to marry the girl. Voller was certain when he took her away that her parents would not have agreed to their marriage.

Passing sentence, the judge said: "What I observe in your case is not so much subtlety in seducing this girl. She's been rather silly, I think. Twelve months in prison will show you that your foolish, defiant, and criminal acts are not worth it."

U.K. FUEL PROBLEM CRISIS Threat To Britain's Industrial Recovery Cabinet Greatly Concerned

London, Dec. 28.

The British fuel problem has reached crisis proportions, and is threatening not only the success of the country's export drive but her industrial recovery as a whole.

The threat of the great Austin automobile plant at Northfield, Birmingham, to close down last week brought matters to a head. Lack of coal is the main trouble, but another, nearly as serious, is the present insufficiency of electricity supply.

The two factors are inter-linked, and their impact upon the Labour Government's plans for socialisation of industry is causing the Cabinet the greatest concern.

Coal shortage nearly wrecked Britain's war effort. It is now the foremost challenge to her peace-time rehabilitation. The coal shortage dates back to 1940, when, after the fall of France, the British Government then in power permitted many miners to leave the pits and go into the services or into munitions work.

A considerable number of these miners, after working above ground, were determined that they would never return to the

pits. The industry's manpower, therefore, is at its lowest.

Not Enough

With this minimum manpower, the Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, has been giving increased production in recent months, but the proportion of gain is not sufficient to meet the demand.

Labour's nationalisation of mines, which by its psychological effect was expected to increase output, has not done so noticeably, though Labour supporters argue that its benefit will be felt in the long-term stage.

The electricity supply shortage is not due to manpower shortage troubles; it is caused by the fact that Britain is using nearly 70 per cent more electricity than in 1939. Britain's war effort was largely built up on electricity, aided by the country's electric "grid" system, from which any district can be supplied.

Position Critical

Today, the electricity supply industry—which is about to be nationalised—is still working with plant badly in need of overhaul, and with insufficient new plant. Given sufficient turbines, generators, which Britain manufactures, as well as any country in the world, industry will not lack power.

But not even nationalisation can speed the rate of production of new generators. Ironically enough, this depends partly upon the supplies of electricity.

At the moment, the position is critical. Each time there is a period of intense cold, people, for lack of coal, not only switch on electric fires but purchase extra fires. And the industry uses something like 20,000,000 tons of coal a year.—Reuter.

The reports said that the whole organisation was directed from Igurun in Spain and that the French police possessed complete documentary evidence of the spy ring's activities.

The organisation was reported to have recruited many agents among Frenchmen who, during the occupation were members of the Vichy Militia, and other "collaborationists".

The two Spanish officers were sent back to Spain.—Reuter.

AZORES QUAKE

Lisbon, Dec. 28. Several buildings in the village of Serreta were destroyed on Friday afternoon when three sharp earthquakes rocked Terceira Island in the Azores, where there is a large excess of women over men as a result of the war, according to the city registrars.

Next to widows over 40 years of age, whose rate of marriage is described as "astoundingly high," women from the ages of 16 to 23 are considered to be those most likely to find husbands.

In the latter age group, stenographers, secretaries and sales-women are given foremost chance to find husbands, not only because they meet more men but because of their usual good looks.

"A woman with good looks still has the best chance," the registrar in the suburb of Schoenobert said. "Formerly, many men married women for their money. Today, when no one has any property worth mentioning, this motive has been shunted into the background and good looks mean more."

Women between the ages of 25 and 35 have less hope of finding husbands, said the registrar, because the war has torn the greatest gap in the ranks of men of these ages.—Associated Press.

Cairo, Dec. 29. The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrash Pasha, conferred for an hour yesterday with Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Ambassador. Today, the Birmingham General Post Office received a parcel together with a letter from the officer-in-charge of the Oslo Post Office, asking for it to be forwarded.

Santa's letter read: "Dear Margaret. When I received your letter I immediately opened my book where I have noted the names of good children in Norway for a short time and may perhaps come to Birmingham on Christmas Eve, but remember I am in a great hurry now. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love from Father Christmas."

The parcel contained four Norwegian painting books and two boxes of crayons. Margaret's letter was written without the knowledge of her parents. The letter bore only a 2-1/2 cent stamp. The postage to Norway is 3d.

Margaret is now more than ever convinced that the only way of making sure of getting what she wants for Christmas is by personal application to Santa Claus.—Reuter.

WINSTON TO JOSEF

London, Dec. 28. Mr. Winston Churchill sent greetings to Generalissimo Stalin on his 68th birthday last Saturday, it was disclosed today.

Churchill wired Stalin, "All personal good wishes on your birthday, my wartime comrade."

Stalin replied, "My warm thanks for your good wishes on my birthday."—United Press.

DRUG STORES WANTED

London, Dec. 29.

The Luton, Bedfordshire, Youth Council, after a survey, said that the young people of England want, among other things, drug stores patterned after those in the United States, where they can gather socially—and they want more understanding and sympathy from their parents.

The report said some parents seem jealous of opportunities offered to their sons and daughters, and take the stand: "We never had these opportunities, why should they?"

"War has had its effect on the nerves of the grown-up," said the Council, "so that parents are

8th Army Corporal Murder

London, Dec. 28.

Thomas John Ley, 61-year-old former New South Wales Minister of Justice, described as a company director, was one of three men who appeared in a West London Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the murder of a former Eighth Army corporal, John McBain Mudie.

The other two accused were John William Buckingham, 43, and Lawrence Smith, 39.

Mudie's body was found in a chalk pit in the country near London four weeks ago.

The three men were remanded in custody until next Friday.

After being demobilised, Mudie worked at a hotel in Relgate—a small country town near London. He left the hotel one day and did not return. Later his body was found in the chalk pit with a rope round his neck.—Reuter.

AIR DISASTER STATEMENT

Shannon Airport, Dec. 28. An official statement on the Shannon air disaster, in which 12 people were killed yesterday said:

"The primary cause of the accident involving the Trans-World Airlines Constellation near Shannon Airport, is still unknown."

"Marks indicate that the plane travelled some distance in contact with the ground until there was an explosion followed by fire in portions of scattered wreckage. The passengers and members of the crew were scattered over a considerable area and rescue work was made extremely difficult due to the darkness and inaccessibility of the crash area."—Reuter.

'Cease-Fire' Order In Indo-China

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Viet Nam authorities tonight issued a cease-fire order to the Executive committee of the Nambo-Viet Nam Underground organisation in Southern Indo-China—in order to avoid prejudicing the French Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moatet against the Viet Nam point of view in the current Franco-Viet Nam strife, according to a report received here from Saigon.

Nambo guerrillas were ordered to maintain their positions but not to engage in any aggressive hostilities, the report added. Earlier, Nambo forces were said to have been alerted for action in Southern Indo-China. There were indications in Indo-China tonight that the Viet

Namites were preparing the ground for a possible truce overture, the Saigon report added. Saigon newspapers in the Annamite language, hitherto pro-Nationalist, today urged the French and Viet Namites to return to the military and political positions they occupied before October 1941.

Meanwhile earlier reports stated that French troops were making slow but steady progress in the mopping up operations in Hanoi. French troops had reoccupied certain points in the southern part of Hanoi after "heavy fighting" a French War Office spokesman said. Civilians in the city were short of food but were able to leave if they wished.

Receiving "extremely valuable aid" from the native population, the French troops had forged ahead in the other areas, the spokesman continued. They had recaptured the garrison quarter at Bac Meinh and had dispersed Viet Nam attacks at Hongay and Hai Duong. The attack also officially reported that there is a sizeable Chinese population in Indo-China, it would be easy for the Chinese Government to become involved in the current warfare if there was not taken.

"For the sake of Chinese nationalism in Indo-China and the good name of the Chinese nation it would be well for the Chinese Government to instruct all representatives in Indo-China to maintain a policy of the strictest neutrality—a neutrality which should not attempt to take sides under any circumstances."

The police prevented reporters from getting close to her and sped her in a car to the jail in Palais de Justice.—United Press.

"DESERT QUEEN" ARRIVES

Paris, Dec. 29.

Countess Marguerite D. Andurian, the "uncrowned Queen of the Arabian desert," who is accused of poisoning her 26-year-old cousin, arrived in Paris under heavy guard today from Nice.

Despite the secrecy surrounding her arrival in company with three armed guards, she was met by more than 30 newsmen and photographers straining for a look at the faded beauty of a face which reportedly turned three men to death during the adventures long career of supposed international intrigue.

The curious, however, were disappointed. As the countess' petite brown-haired figure descended from a private third class car at Gare de Lyon her face was completely shrouded in a scottish plaid muffler. She wore a mink coat and fur-lined shoes.

The police prevented reporters from getting close to her and sped her in a car to the jail in Palais de Justice.—United Press.

POOTUNG BLACK-OUT

Shanghai, Dec. 29. The whole of Pootung, on the opposite side of the Whangpo River to Shanghai, today was threatened with complete blackout as a result of damage by a large American steamer on Christmas Day to the submarine electricity cable laid across the river from Shanghai.

The electricity supply company issued a warning to all factories in the district west of the river against using their power current. Repairs to the cable are now being pushed and are expected to be completed in about one week's time.

A claim for payment of full damage was said to have been presented by the Pootung Electric Supply Company to the American President Lines, the agents for the steamer "Staghound," which struck the submerged cable at 2 p.m. December 25.—United Press.

M. Gromyko proposed:

1. That the Security Council proceed with the working out of practical measures on the implementation of the General Assembly's decision of Dec. 14" on the general arms limitation plan as approved by the United Nations Assembly Dec. 14.

In a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie, Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko called for immediate action on the whole programme without waiting for final action on atomic control.

He submitted a formal resolution outlining the new Soviet proposals and asked that they be placed on the agenda of the Security Council's next meeting Dec. 31.

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Those dyes of many colours which helped protect the combat soldier by giving him camouflage in the jungle and helped save the airmen by giving him a bright yellow-easy-to-see rubber boat for his rescuers to find; at last are back in peacetime production. It is obvious, the ladies are pleased.

Varying shades of yellows and greens are among the colours being used by the Dyers' and Finishers' Association for Fabrics which will be used to make next year's smart clothes—party frocks, and gay sports outfitts.

And the dark navy blue, no longer in prime demand for uniforms, again will give the smart English man and woman dress suits in the shades they have wanted so long.

The rubber boats, dinghies? They are being sold as holiday gifts to give the children more sport at the seaside next year.—Associated Press.

Princess Elizabeth's
"Normal Romance"

(After careful reportorial investigation of all sides of the current rumour of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip of Greece, United Press presents the following well-founded dispatch by Bruce Munro.)

London, Dec. 29.

Princess Elizabeth is not engaged, but it is only

because of a normal, romantic 20-year-old

daughter's happiness.

Both direct and backstairs

gossip at Buckingham Palace

agreed that the Princess is extremely fond of Prince Philip of Greece and their engagement

probably would have been announced by now except for the mild opposition of her father, King George.

But sources in a position to know insist in all parts of London that the King has never ordered any objections to the marriage because of its political implications.

According to these, privy to

Buckingham Palace talk, the

Princess told her father of her

affection for the Greek Prince and

the King reacting like fathers, all

over the world, advised against an immediate engagement. He said, in effect, "six months

SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

Practical Experiment In Lam Ma Village

Register For Jury Duty--Now!

A Government spokesman has requested that a final warning be given to the public that failure to comply with the jury notice which appeared in the Press on Dec. 2 renders offenders liable to a penalty fine of \$100.

Several firms and individuals have not yet registered and they are reminded that this has to be done on or before Jan. 1.

It is stressed that the full Christian names and not initials should be given, and also the private addresses of each member or employee of any particular firm registering.

Individuals who are members or employees of a firm are particularly requested not to send in separate registration but to see that their names are included in the firm list.

Jury forms may be had on application at the Registry, Supreme Court.

ORANGES' APPLES

The local market will be flooded with American oranges and apples this week when strike-bound ships from the US Pacific Coast arrive in close succession bringing much delayed cargo.

The s.s. "Lightning" due Jan. 2 is alone bringing an estimated cargo of over 10,000 cases.

A record drop in prices is expected, and importers have for sometime past been scratching their heads in anxiety as to how to get rid of the accumulated arrivals without serious loss.

Readers' Letters

Addled

Sir.—The article written by Mrs. Hilda Selwyn-Clarke and published in your issue of December 29 struck me as being one of the best examples of addled thinking I have yet come across.

The whole tone of the article appears to be that "American imperialism" in China should cease, only to be replaced by British imperialism. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke becomes rhapsodic over Anglo-Chinese amity and then has the audacity to try to justify the retention of Hong Kong by the British.

She says that "The Chinese Communists have no intention of transplantsing the Soviet model to China." I don't know which Communists Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke has been talking to, but those I talk to would take issue with this statement.

Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke further declares that "Britain has no policy in China" at the present time. Since Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke apparently is not aware of just what the British policy is, I leave the accuracy of her statement for such men as Sir Ralph Stevenson, Mr. Cyril Rogers, Sir Leslie Boyce and Sir Mark Young to judge.

She says Britain no longer has any responsibilities in China, and then criticizes America for the way in which it is attempting to carry out its responsibilities. Still later she says "It is time we [Brit]

YANKEE DOODLE

Washington, Dec. 28.

The Assistant Secretary of State, William Benton, today said that the rapid development of radio in the past 30 years makes it possible to "discuss" eventual elimination of illiteracy throughout the world.

Recently returned from the UNESCO conference in Paris, Benton said in radio speech that revolutionized communications, low-priced publications and new techniques of mass education make it feasible to broadcast a full account of world developments to nearly every person on the globe.—United Press.

Radio's Part in Education

Washington, Dec. 28.

Sir—Carol is obviously just a killjoy. I thought the singing of carols by what appears to be a crowd of semi-inbriates, disgusting. I don't know what our Chinese friends thought when they were told it was Christmas songs that were being sung.

Mr. Wood has been chasing them for 32 years. This is his description of the "average embezzler."

"About 36 years old. Married, with two children. He is brighter than the average worker and he

said in your Sunday issue sure said a mouthful. I thought the singing of carols by what appears to be a crowd of semi-inbriates, disgusting. I don't know what our Chinese friends thought when they were told it was Christmas songs that were being sung.

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Preferred Wife To Be Dressed

Liverpool, Dec. 28.

A young wife whose husband told her he found her attractive when dressed in the daytime was granted a decree of nullity at Liverpool Assizes.

Mrs. Lucy Hall, 24, of Grange Mount, Birkenhead, was granted a decree of nullity from her husband, Marshall Hall, 23, of Shelburne-road, Bolton, on the grounds of incapacity.

Mr. Justice Byrne said he had to decide whether the husband was right when he said there was reasonable cause owing to his state of health and that his wife had agreed there would be no consummation until his health improved.

During seven or eight days he spent with his wife in April, 1945, the husband was cool towards his wife.

He gave as his reason that in the previous month he had seen her with another man. He did not allege that he had seen

them kissing or in any way being familiar.

Wife's Admission

The Judge did not believe there was an agreement on non-consummation for in November, 1944, Hall wrote to his wife: "My life with you is, to my way of thinking, the neatest way of living. It's going to take years for you to get to know me fundamentally."

When his wife questioned him about the non-consummation he said he thought she was more attractive during the day when she was dressed.

Mrs. Hall had admitted she had formed an association with a man named Taylor, that she was in love with him and wished to marry him.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

FROM NOW ON, 1947, I'M GOING TO SPEND ALL MY TIME ENTERTAINING!

SHOELACE: "YOU DON'T WANT ME INVITED?"

AND NOW, DON'T GET ME WRONG! THE BUSINESS ISN'T CALLS FOR A BIG PRENTICE, AND I DON'T THINK HE'S JUST TOO SMALL!

WELL, THANKS FOR THE LIFT! AND DON'T WORRY, I'D LOVE TO GO TO YOUR MANSION!

AWWW, I'M GOING TO GET IT!

OLD DUDLEY IS SURE GOING PLACES! BIG CAR, BIG HOUSE, BIG GIRLS! BOSS, I'M GONE!

BY EDGAR MARTIN

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ALLEGED RAPE OF GIRL BY TWO U.S. MARINES

Death Of Old Macao Resident

Macao, Dec. 27.
The death occurred here on Wednesday of Francisco Xavier Anacleto da Silva after a long illness.

Of a well-known local family, Mr. da Silva was for many years an "elected chairman" of the Municipal Council when that position was filled by popular will instead of by a single Government bill. His democratic personality earned him a seat in the Portuguese Parliament where he fought for the betterment of conditions for the local boy. When the education of the local boy was at stake by an impending curtailment of the curriculum, he successfully opposed the measure. He was also a noted Roman Catholic and was commended by Pius X.

A resident of Hong Kong for a number of years, he was a member of the Hong Kong Shareholders' Association. He leaves a widow and children undergoing education in Portugal. —Our Own Correspondent.

"Portal To Portal" Suit

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.
The United Steel Workers of America (CIO) filed the largest "portal to portal" suit yet entered—\$200,000,000 back pay—against the Bethlehem Steel Company and its parent firm, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The demand, which is on behalf of 20 local unions with 13,000 members, may reach the \$500,000,000 mark when 27,000 other union members join the suit.—United Press.

LOST CARGO FOUND

Manila, Dec. 29.
Several thousand tons of incoming cargo considered to have been pilfered months ago was found by custom inspectors clearing out Manila's pier for the expected arrival of a flood of freight from the United States and Europe during the next fortnight.

Thirty ships with 120,000 tons of cargo are expected to enter the harbour the next two weeks.

But the pier congestion will be greatly lessened compared with earlier this year, according to Customs Collector Alfredo de Leon who said 50,000 tons of sheltered cargo storage space is now available.—Associated Press.

TREASURE TROVE

San Francisco, Dec. 28.
Two Australians have purchased rights to a blasted Japanese defense post at Lac, in New Guinea, for four dollars and hope to find medical equipment worth \$40,000, Radio Australia reported today.

They are also expected to find some 3,000 dead Japanese, as the defence post was blasted shut by the Australians during the fighting. Numerous Japanese were believed to have been trapped in the subterranean caverns.—United Press.

JOHN COLTON DEAD

Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 29.
John Colton, 60, author of "Rain," "Shanghai Gestures" and other plays died today after a long illness.

Two of his surviving brothers, George, Jr., and Harvey, are specialists in shipping on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in Tokyo.

Colton was born in Minneapolis, but spent his boyhood in Japan.—Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.
Promotor Herman Taylor said today he has a definite arrangement with Joe Louis to defend his heavyweight boxing title next spring at Atlantic City, N.J. He indicated the opponent would be the winner of the bout between Joe Maxim and Joe Walcott scheduled for Jan. 6.—United Press.

Fell In Love With His Half-Sister

London, Dec. 28.
The announcement that a soldier was planning to marry a girl to whom he had proposed was offered to Mr. Justice Hulbert at Stafford. As sizes in proof of his intention to end a disastrous association.

The Judge was told that affection which had been entertained by the man, 23-year-old William Henry Davies, for his half-sister was ended.

He hoped on demobilisation to marry the other woman, Miss Helen Smith, of Wolverhampton, for whom he had bought a ring. If that was not sufficient to break his association with his half-sister he was prepared to re-enlist in the Army. He did not wish to see his home again.

Sitting aside by side on the dock, Davies, his half-sister, Mary Florence Beards, and his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Beards and his sister, owing to their poor circumstances were accommodated in an institution and in Wolverhampton Cottage Homes.

Kissing
Mr. Terrell, prosecuting, explained that the two people had the same mother. Davies was born out of wedlock in 1917, and later his mother married John Edward Beards, whose daughter, Florence Beards, was born in lawful wedlock in 1923.

Davies went to live with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Beards and his sister, owing to their poor circumstances were accommodated in an institution and in Wolverhampton Cottage Homes.

Lived Alone
Mr. E.H. Gibbons, for Mrs. Florence Beards, stated that she had lived alone in institutions for 11 years. The time she and her brother were under the same roof was when they came as leave-takers from Burma and his half-sister from Africa.

"The question of their relationship never came consciously into her mind," said Mr. Gibbons. "When they met she fell in love with him. She told him as she could not have done. He now realises she did wrong."

The announcement that Davies's affection for his half-sister had ended and he hoped to marry Miss Smith was made after the Judge had ordered his return to the sole for a consultation with his barrister.

Sentencing Davies in six months' imprisonment, the judge took into account that he had been in prison for three months, and his understanding never to meet his half-sister again.

Miss Florence Beards was found over for two years. She left the date after promising not to see or communicate with her brother.

Peking, Dec. 28.
The United States Marine headquarters here issued the first statement regarding the alleged rape incident on Christmas Eve in which it disclosed that the second Marine involved had been arrested by MPs.

The United Press was reliably informed that the second Marine was identified last night and was immediately jailed by the Marine Police. It was also learned that he testified that the girl was known to both of them and they escorted her to the Peking Hotel from YMCA Christmas Eve party and denied that they arrested her as she left the Pavilion Cinema.

The arrest followed a three days

Looking For Security

Baghdad, Dec. 29.
Premier Nuri Al Said reiterated in a press statement yesterday Iraq's desire for good relations with Turkey and Iran, and for greater unity of Arab countries.

"Some newspapers refer to a so-called Eastern bloc of which I know nothing," the Premier's statement said. "Iraq seeks security where possible and good relations with her neighbours, including Turkey and Iran."

"This is imperative because a neighbour is continuous while relations with more remote states change from time to time."—Associated Press.

NO ALIENS WANTED

Washington, Dec. 28.
Clarence J. Brown, of Oregon, contender for the House Republican leadership, advocated a Congressional investigation to bar aliens and disloyal Americans from holding high offices in labour unions.

"It is important that organizations of such tremendous importance be headed by citizens of unquestioned loyalty," he said. He suggested that union leaders be required to take loyalty oaths.—United Press.

Infatuation for a "bobby-soxer" who had married a man 32 years her senior when she was 13 led a 62-year-old grandfather to burn his wife to death, the prosecution alleged in a murder trial here.

The girl, Bobby Ann Keith, now 16, had been housekeeper to the wife, a semi-invalid.

Dwight O. Carman, the grandfather, found guilty of the murder, was sentenced on the jury's recommendation to 25 years hard labour.

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Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 28.

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D. L. PROPHET,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th Dec., 1946.

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TAXES & EFFORT

It is well known to students of current economic trends that Britain is at present putting forth a productive effort considerably below the maximum of which it is capable. The frequent appeals by Ministers for higher output testify to the anxiety which the Government themselves feel on this question. Among the causes an important one undoubtedly is the psychological reaction from the strain of war, but another certainly is the lack of incentive due to the penal rates of taxation. At the very moment when there is need of more than ordinary stimulus to effort taxation is acting as a positive deterrent. Sir Arnold Gridley, the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has made this the main point of a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging substantial tax reliefs in next year's Budget. Basing his argument on the assumption that the present level of taxation would approximately suffice to produce a balanced Budget, he puts forward a series of suggested tax reliefs costing up to something like £200,000,000.

Since there is an inevitable lag between the application of the stimulus and its effect in raising the national income, the proposal necessarily envisages postponement for another year of the restoration of the era of normally balanced Budgets. By 1948, however, if the reasoning is correct, it is anticipated that the new lower level of taxation would have so far stimulated output as to yield enough to bring the Budget into balance. The question therefore is posed whether it is better to achieve an early Budget balance by continuing austerity taxation at the expense of an expanding national income, or to expand the national income at the expense of an early balanced Budget.

From the standpoint of the national well being, including progress towards covering overseas deficit, there can be little doubt that the second is the better policy. The only question is whether the stimulus would be effective in producing the desired result, and this can be assumed as something sufficiently near a certainty to make the experiment worth while. From every point of view, including the Chancellor's, it is better that he should take a smaller slice out of a larger national cake than a large slice out of a small cake. There is also his own contribution to make in the way of pruning the national expenditure. After the recent enormous increases, especially on the social services, all fresh commitments should be postponed until the country is earning and producing the wherewithal to meet them. Spending on a scale which blunts the will to effort merely ends in defeating its own purpose.

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"Nor do I," said the other rich anarchist.

At that moment the super atomic bomb fell. The earth rocked, the heavens swayed, and a white-hot tempest shrivelled them to ashes and the whole world with them.

Social

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Amid scenes reminiscent of a battlefield Irish Army emergency crews tonight drove away in lorries the bodies of twelve people—mostly French or American—killed when the Paris-New York Constellation airliner "Star of Cairo" crashed on a lonely island in Fergus Island near this airport. All day rescue squads toiled knee deep in treacherous bog mud to extricate the dead and injured passengers and the crew of the airliner, totalling 23, which exploded with a blinding flash before bursting into flames on the island early today.

The airport doctor, James O'Boyle, who lost his shoes in the mud, treated the injured as they lay where the explosion had flung them before they could be removed to hospital.

Local boatmen brought from their beds ferried the victims in flat bottomed vessels to the mainland where they were carried across a further stretch of marshland to ambulances and lorries.

One of the first on the scene, Michael Donellan, servant boy at a nearby farm, tonight told a graphic story of the early hours after the crash. "After a great explosion", he said, "I ran to the scene, scrambling across mud and through the river. I was horrified when I fell over a dead man who had been blown 76 yards from the wreckage. I was making in the direction from which the cries of a baby had been coming, when I fell over several injured people who were moaning."

Blown Clean Out

Donellan said that he found the four and a half months old baby, Charles Delaby, nestling in the rushes by the riverside. The baby had been blown clean out of the aircraft.

"As I got to it, an air hostess, Catherine Ferguson, herself injured, took the baby in her arms. Still clutching it, she attempted to attend to the injured", he added.

One of the dead was a young woman whose mink coat was bloodstained.

An air expert said tonight: "It would appear that those who had their safety belts tied were the ones who were lacerated from the hips".

Air hostess Ferguson was the first survivor to reach Shannon airport. She still had baby Delaby in her arms. He had a broken thigh, his face was covered in mud, but is expected to survive.

Herself covered in mud and suffering from shock and abrasions, Ferguson said: "We had just told the passengers to fasten their safety belts and prepare for landing when the crash occurred. That is the last I remember until I got out of the aircraft. The last thing the baby's mother asked while I was there was how the baby was".

Blinding Flash

Mrs. Delaby, who received burns and injuries to her lower limbs, was flying to join her United States soldier husband in New York.

Night workers at the airport said that the explosion "shook the very foundations of the airport buildings" and occurred simultaneously with a great blinding flash which rose in red flames to a height of several hundred feet".

The injured were taken to St. John's Hospital and Barrington Hospital in Limerick and to Clare County Hospital, Ennis.

Trans-world Airways at Shannon gave the following details of the nine passengers who were killed: Francine Salabert, French, music publisher and composer, 21 Avenue D'Lenz, Paris; Marie Zelaznagora, French, of New York, mother of a 12-year-old boy who survived; Maurice Simon Picard,

Dec. 28.

An American Airlines plane

crash-landed today three miles

DANGER SPOTS

New York, Dec. 28. The newspaper PM, in a world affairs prediction for 1947 by editorial Max Werner, asserts there are two danger spots in view for next year. One is in China, with the possibility of protracted civil war and large scale military operations.

The other danger spot is in the settlement of the atomic energy disputes between Russia and the United States, which may persist even after a full disarmament agreement is reached.—United Press.

French, of Flushing, New York; Lucienne Simone Clerc, French; Pierre Dreyfus, French, New York; and Koessel, Polish, merchant of New York; and three Americans, Alan Charles Lanyon, Washington; Clementine Jeanne Pugh, Philadelphia, and Alexander Peckels, New York.

Those of the crew who were killed were: Navigator Robert Osterburg; Flight-Engineer Walter McBride of Alexandria, Virginia, and Radio-operator Herbert Burmeister of Washington.

Inquiry Ordered

The injured are: Passengers; Gunther Lubinski, French, engineer of Paris, Jean Claude Zelaznagora, 12 year-old French boy, Davis Stannenbaum, American, of New York, Charles Bruce Delaby and his mother, Edith Augustine Delaby, Crew: Radios-officer Dudley Hill, Captain Herbert Tansey (pilot), Flight-superintendent William Teale of Washington, Flight-officer Clifford Sparrow, Joseph Logan of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Air-hostess Catherine Ferguson of New York.

A report from Washington tonight said that the United States Civil Aeronautical Administration has ordered an immediate investigation into today's crash. The chief safety officer at the administration's London office has been ordered to the scene of the crash to make preliminary reports.

Officials here declined to discuss the question of whether the crash might lead to further grounding of Constellations as happened last July when a Constellation blew up in midair with the loss of five lives. The C.A.A. then ordered all Constellations to be grounded—and British Overseas Airways followed suit—pending an inquiry. Two weeks later certificates of airworthiness were issued and the planes took to the air again after several major modifications had been made.—Reuter.

Narrow Miss

Shannon, Dec. 28. An immediate inquiry is underway to determine the cause of the crash.

It was learned that the plane developed difficulties shortly after leaving the airfield in Paris but the nature was not immediately known. The fact that the stewardess seeing the danger ordered the passengers to fasten their safety belts probably had prevented a higher death toll.

Capt. Herbert Tansey, pilot of the plane, was believed to have tried to bring the plane down on the flat fields adjoining the river. The plane broke apart and exploded when it hit the mud island as it missed reaching the field by little more than 100 yards.

The blast following the crash, shook Shannon airport, three miles distant. The passengers and crew scattered over a radius of 50 yards. Emergency stretchers were rigged to carry survivors from the wreckage boats.—United Press.

Another Crash

Michigan City, Indiana, Dec. 28.

An American Airlines plane

crash-landed today three miles

from the airport.

"It is the hope of all of us

Moslem Action In Punjab

Calcutta, Dec. 28. The Moslem League is planning to set up a "parallel Government" in the Punjab, the newspaper "Statesman" reported today.

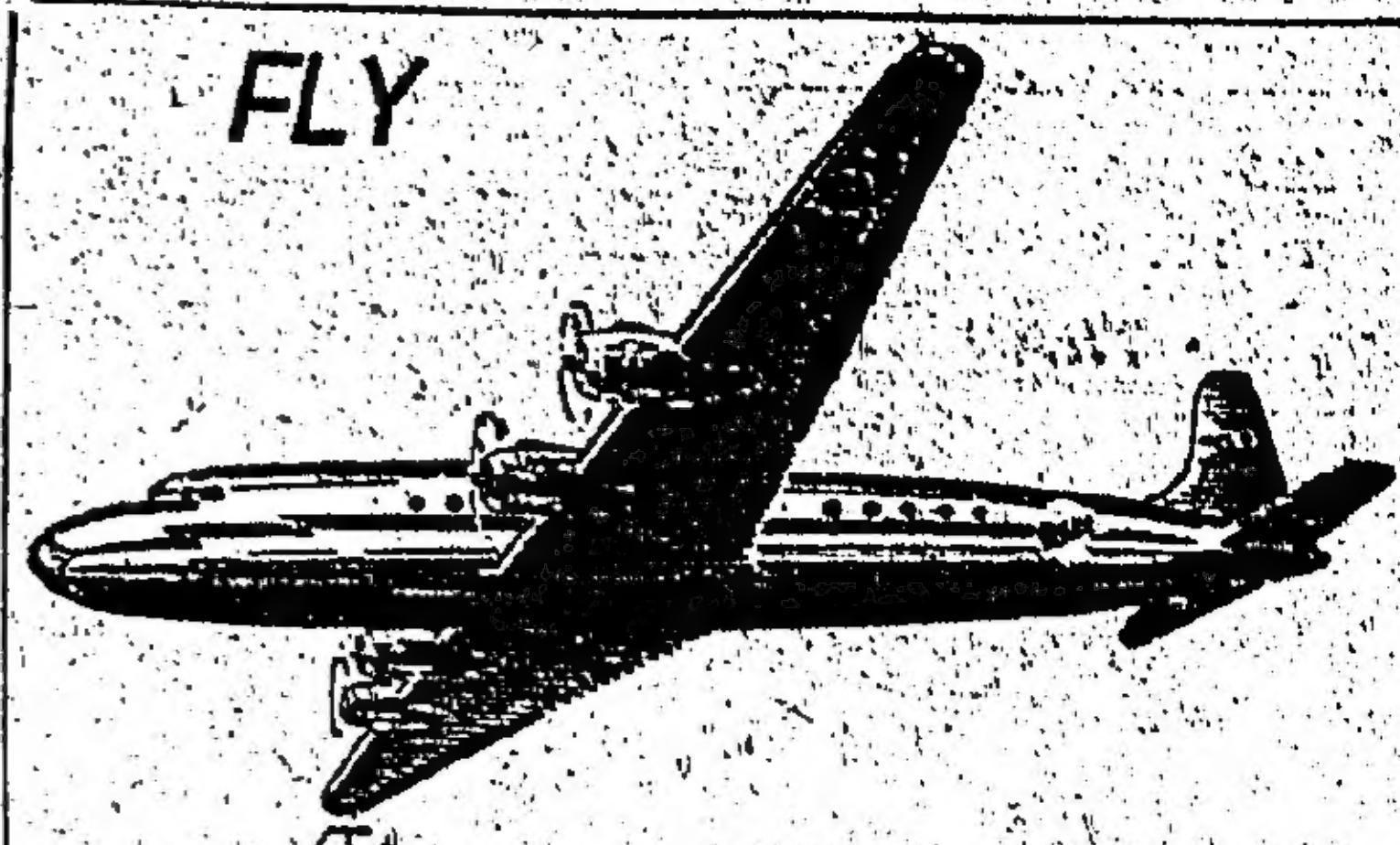
The Punjab is regarded by the League as the "centre-piece of Pakistan" (separate Moslem state in India) and is governed at present by a coalition ministry headed by the Unionist Party leader, Sir Khiz Hyat Khan Tiwana. The Congress Party is represented in the coalition and the Moslem League, the largest single party in the Assembly, is in opposition.

The Statesman said: "A public treasury will be set up to finance the national building programme of this Government" and funds would be raised by taxes and levies.

Among the "proposed sources of revenue" are: direct contribution of one day's earnings once a year by Moslem holding salaried jobs in the Punjab; Secondly, a levy on the sale of bills of Moslem commercial concerns and payment of ten per cent of their monthly allowance by Moslem League members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

The names of the people who pay these levies are to be published in a "special roll of honour", the report added.—Reuter.

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Next Year May Be Golden Year

London, Dec. 28. If Russia has decided that in the coming year she is to march in friendship and common purpose with Britain and America, 1947 may well take its place in history as one of the golden years, declares an editorial in today's Sunday Express.

"Soviet Russia, after what has seemed to the Western Democracies long hesitation and often inexplicable obduracy, is moving into step with us down the long road to peace and a world restored, re-energised and sane," the editorial says.

Recalling that a month ago the New York Foreign Ministers meeting was deadlocked, the editorial says: "Suddenly, in a matter of hours, the Russian attitude changed. A spirit of friendliness and co-operation was born. Within days, the conference that seemed doomed to failure was able to conclude the five peace treaties with Germany's former satellite states and to fix Moscow as the place for its next meeting in March to tackle the all important problem of veterans was reported to have seized an electric power plant at Naples demanding to be employed.

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RACE TO GRAB LAND IN ANTARCTIC WASTES

London, Dec. 28. Eight powers will join in an "international race" to Antarctica in the hope of finding deposits of uranium, coal and possibly gold, which may be hidden under the south polar ice-cap, the Sunday Times correspondent reports from Sydney.

The Australian Government is joining the race, which may develop into the world's last great rush by the major powers to divide the resources of a new continent, the correspondent adds.

Great Britain and the United States, he points out, have already expeditions in the field, and Russia, Argentina, South Africa, Chile and Norway are reported to be planning further expeditions.

The Australian Government has decided to send a naval scientific expedition in the New Year, complete with aircraft for observation and mapping. Long-term scientific observations will be undertaken within 2,500,000 square miles of Aus-

tralian polar dependency.

"This white, silent wasteland is still almost completely unexplored, but scientists have reason to believe that deposits of uranium, coal and possibly gold may be hidden under the ice," the correspondent says.

"Well-informed Australian sources tell me that despite any official denials, there is an international race to the South now of really historic proportions. Thus eight teams of geologists, meteorologists and

36 HOURS IN AIR BUBBLE

Moscow, Dec. 28. Two workers, Boev and Dimichev, lived 36 hours in an air bubble formed in one of the tubes when a dredge capsized in a heavy storm near Krasnoyarsk on the Amur River.

Diver Andrey Fomenko finally reached the men, helped them into diving helmets and brought them to the surface. —United Press.

The magazine pointed out that Generalissimo Stalin had given assurance that the danger of a third World War is not at present realistic, and added that Eastern Russia's coal and agricultural machinery, electric and heavy machinery and textile industries are lagging behind schedules and up to the present schedules of grain and supplies have not been filled in many regions. —United Press.

polar experts will be operating simultaneously in territory that had been virtually ignored until uranium assumed such tremendous international importance during the war."

It is asked if it is logical that eight world powers should simultaneously develop such interest in south polar meteorology as to organise expensive expeditions there, the correspondent says.

Vitally Important

Authoritative opinion is that the reasons are:

Firstly, uranium's vital importance.

Secondly, development for the first time of scientific methods and instruments that make prospecting feasible.

Thirdly, development of cold-water mining methods that would permit exploitation of any discoveries.

After saying that apart from minerals Australia is becoming increasingly aware, as are also Britain and the United States, of the value of the Antarctic whaling industry, the correspondent adds that plans are being considered by the Australian Cabinet which would entail the bringing to Australia of trained Scandinavian crews to provide the nucleus of an efficient whaling industry. —Reuter.

BOMBAY SILVER AND GOLD

Bombay, Dec. 28. Silver, ready 154 rupees, 60 Anna per 100 tolas, Forward (Jan. 7 settlement) 148.00 (Mar. 7 settlement) unquoted; Gold, delivery 102.94 per tola, Forward 99.08, Sovereign 65.08 each. —Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28. Sovereign buyers 62.00, sellers 63.00; U.S. \$20.00 buyers 122.00, sellers 118.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 5.33, sellers 5.37. —Reuter.

TRADE TREATY

London, Dec. 28. A trade agreement has been concluded between Turkey and Finland, under which Finland will supply Turkey with paper, cellulose, pre-fabricated houses, sports goods and chemicals, while Turkey supplies tobacco, oilseeds, hides, wool, mohair and hemp. Ankara radio reported tonight.

—Reuters.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Dec. 28. Small but persistent selling caused fractional losses in grains although January wheat displayed resistance on the basis of Government buying. Wheat finished unchanged to 7/8 cents lower, January \$2.11, March \$2.01 1/4, May \$1.91 1/4 to 1 cent lower, oats 1/4 to 1 cent lower. —Associated Press.

Just An Imperialist Noise?

Moscow, Dec. 28.

The magazine "Agitators Companion," which elucidates the Communist Party principles weekly for guidance of party meetings, in an editorial today said that the people of the world will not submit to a new war and said talk of war "is an imperialist noise made in order to frighten populations and wide masses to obtain some concessions in their favour from other states."

The editorial added, "Imperialists' efforts to isolate the Soviet Union and surround it by hostile blocs are doomed to failure."

The magazine pointed out that Generalissimo Stalin had given assurance that the danger of a third World War is not at present realistic, and added that Eastern Russia's coal and agricultural machinery, electric and heavy machinery and textile industries are lagging behind schedules and up to the present schedules of grain and supplies have not been filled in many regions. —United Press.

M.R.P. Man Elected

Paris, Dec. 28.

The popular Republican Party today had a temporary precarious hold on the leadership of the new French Council of the Republic after the election by a slim margin last night of Auguste Champetier de Riba as President of the Upper House of the French Legislation. De Riba paid a protocol visit today on Vincent Auriol, President of the National Assembly. De Riba won the presidency by a margin of five votes over the Communist candidate, Georges Marrane, on the third ballot after the Socialists and Left Republicans withdrew their candidates.

The Socialists backed the Communist, while most of the Left Republicans and conservatives backed de Riba.

Premier Blum addressed the Council after midnight when the election was over. Blum said, "The presence of the elected officials of the Council attests to the fact that in spirit as well as in letter, a Parliamentary regime which signifies the Republic has been re-established in France."

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New York, Dec. 28.

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quiet session.

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start but the demand expanded

here and there.

Variations were mostly fraction-

al at the close but plus signs

predominated.

Support was provided partly by replacement buying and hopes of a good rally at the turn of the year.

Gainers included Dow Chemical, Woolworth, Philip Morris, Western Union and Santa Fe.

Among losers were Douglas Aircraft and Allied Chemical.

Transfers were around \$60,000,

shares added to the fleet and

77 withdrawn in the month ending Nov. 16. Those withdrawn

presumably were returned to Government service, sold or char-

tered.

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Drop Expected

They expect the total in operation to drop off in another year or two, in contrast with wartime predictions of Government officials that the United States might have a 15,000,000-ton or larger Merchant Marine.

In addition to what they termed a slower than expected rate of Government ship sales, they cited these reasons: UNRRA shipments will be about finished by the end of this year, the Army's big shipping programmes will end in about 22 months, and there is uncertainty about the future of foreign purchases which now are financed largely by American loans.

For these reasons, American shippers have been indifferent about purchasing and recovering ships.—United Press.

Investigation Of Commission

Washington, Dec. 28. Groundwork for a full dress investigation of the \$1,000,000,000 expenditures of the United States Maritime Commission has been laid by Republicans in the House of Representatives.

Party members disclosed that one of the first things of the day

will be a demand when the new Congress convenes Jan. 3 that

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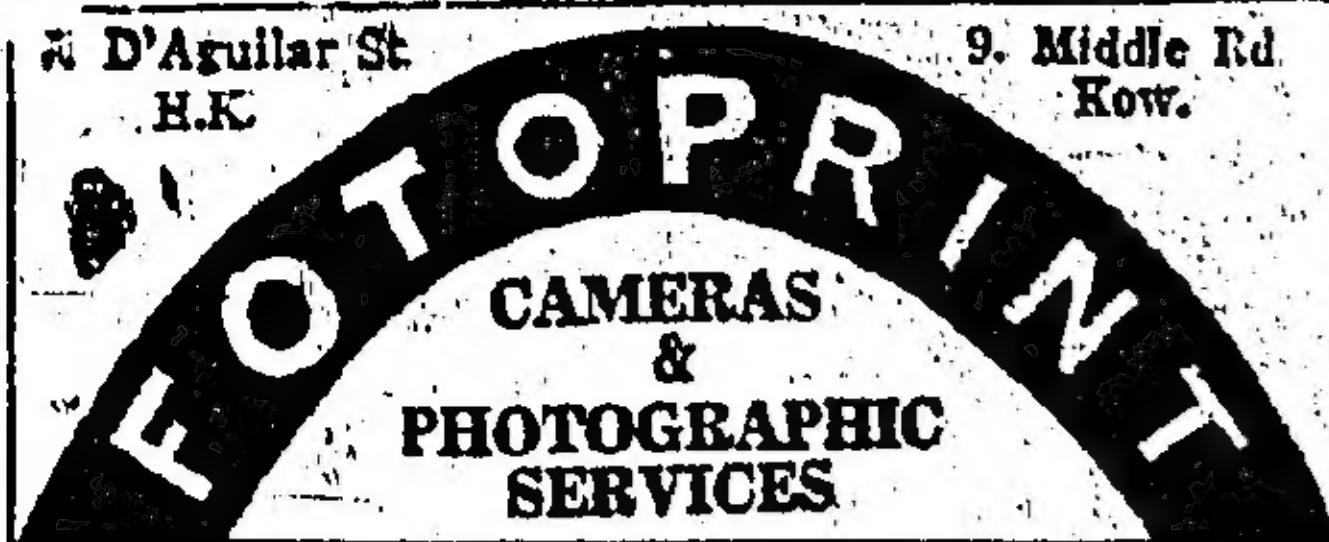
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CARDIFF'S HAT-TRICK OVER BRISTOL

Good
Rugger At
Sookunpoo

A large number of Rugger enthusiasts went to Sookunpoo on Saturday afternoon to see an excellent return game between the beaten Commando Brigade and a Rest of the Colony team. Judging the play of both sides it was a perfectly fair result that they should draw five points all, both sides scoring a goal.

The Commandos once again were superior in the line-outs and loose scrums, whereas the Rest of the Colony were more dangerous behind the scrums. On the run of the play the Rest of the Colony were unlucky not to force a win, but the fact remains that they were unable to take advantage of the chances which were presented to them.

Both the scores were "snaps" on which Dorward and Drayton the respective scorers, deserve to be congratulated and although there were occasions when copybook tries looked probable the defence of both teams was able to prevent them.

The first ten minutes of the game were rather scrappy, both scrums halves sending out some wild passes which led to the opposing sides making a lot of ground with the resulting forward rush.

Throughout the game the wing forwards of both teams broke very fast indeed from the scrums and took full advantage of any dropped passes in the three-quarters. Stanley made a thrilling run and almost scored for the Commandos but was tackled just in time by Hutton. The three-quarters were tackling very keenly and neither side was able to do much behind the scrums.

Five minutes after the start of the second half Dorward scored a brilliant try for the Rest of the Colony. He kicked ahead from inside his own half; the ball bounded awkwardly for the Commando full-back who was in any case being harried by Dorward and the Rest wing forwards, and Dorward picked up to score unopposed between the posts. Ingham converted.

The Commandos retaliated with a vigorous forward rush which took the ball inside their opponents' twenty-five yard line. When Drayton got the ball on the wing and ran in towards the centre of the field and appeared to get the Rest on the wrong foot, because he was able to score ten yards from the posts. Buswell converted.

TRYING HARD

The Rest pressed hard in the last 20 minutes of the game and Dorward and Thomson tried hard to force their way through but no-side whistle was blown with the score at five all.

Once more the Commandos proved that they have a very fine scrum and it was obvious on Saturday that it would require an outstanding three-quarter line among their opponents to offset the advantage they gain from their forwards.

England is a grand forward as formed an excellent back row.

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SOUTH CHINA WIN 6-2

London, Dec. 28.

Cardiff today completed the "hat-trick" of victories over Bristol this season. Cardiff's speed and team-work kept Bristol defensive for long periods during today's game and Bleddyn Williams scored the best try, running half the length of the field—an effort which resulted in his going off injured.

Obtaining better service from scrums and line-outs, Leicester easily beat Rugby. Coventry gained a runaway win over Nuneaton, only Duncan's brilliant full back preventing a heavier Nuneaton defeat.

Mishandling by both sides spolié opportunities in a close match in which Sale defeated Headingley by two tries to one. Swansea recovered from an early setback to beat London Welsh, who led three-zero at the interval. Swansea's superior stamin turned the scale.

Ken Jones, the Welsh sprint champion, with an individual effort scored the winning try for Newport, closing their game against Newbridge. The fast-moving Llanelli forwards were the deciding factor in their victory over Bath. They constantly harried the Bath backs, and made many openings for their own three-quarters.

The sprinter Cyril Holmes produced two brilliant runs ending in tries for Sale, but despite his clever play, Birkenhead gained a narrow victory. The Harlequins suffered their fourth successive home defeat and Richmond would have won by a bigger margin with better kicking.

France, who were the more polished combination, should have beaten Wales in the Schools' International at Neath. The first 20 minutes were rather scrappy, both scrums halves sending out some wild passes which led to the opposing sides making a lot of ground with the resulting forward rush.

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The Results

Rugby Union results: Blackheath 10, St. Mary's Hospital 8; Harlequins 9, Richmond 11; Old Cranleighans 3; Fettesian Lorettoians 3; Old Millhillians 3; Guy's Hospital 3; Wasps 17; Aldershot Services 5; Bridgwater 3; Neath 4; Bedford 8; Rosslyn Park 7; Birkenhead Park 16; Manchester 13; Bridgend 11; Taunton 3; Bristol 0; Cardiff 23; Cheltenham 6; Old Edwardians 5; Coventry 32; Nuneaton 6; Cross Keys 6; Runcorn 8; Devonport Services 3; Bridgewater Albion 0; Exeter 8; Old Blues 0; Gloucester 21; Universities' Athletic Union 14; Leicester 24; Rugby 3; Llanelli 13; Bath 3; Lydney 6; Penrith 17; Moseley 6; Waterloo 6; Newport 9; Newbridge 6; Pontypool 16; Abergavenny 0; Sale 6; Headingley 5; Sheffield 0; Halifax 8; Strand 6; Old Merchant

well as a good leader and he was well supported by Ticehurst. Dorward, playing centre quarter for the Rest, showed that he is capable of a dangerous cut through combined with the speed to go with it. In the Colony scrum, Wright, Nooth, Graham and Walmsley

formed an excellent back row.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

SENIOR DIVISION
South China 6-2 Kwong Wah

JUNIOR DIVISION
South China 8-0 Kwong Wah

League Table

FIRST DIVISION

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

South China 12 11 0 1 42 15 38

Sing Tao 12 10 1 0 36 15 22

44 Commando 9 6 2 1 27 7 14

G.A.C. 11 5 2 4 26 20 15

R. Navy 11 5 1 0 28 32 19

St. Joseph's 10 4 1 0 24 37 0

R.A.F. 11 5 0 0 24 30 10

Eastern 11 3 0 0 24 39 7

Kwong Wah 10 2 1 0 23 44 6

H.K. Club 12 1 1 0 50 3

44 Commando 12 1 1 0 41 5

SECOND DIVISION

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Sing Tao 12 11 0 0 68 2 26

2 Cdo. Edc. 12 10 0 2 25 20 8

Wireless 12 9 0 0 84 44 19 18

R. Navy 11 9 0 0 24 35 8

44 Commando 11 8 1 0 38 16 17

South China 12 8 1 0 38 22 17

G.A.C. 14 7 1 0 38 21 12

K.W. Chee 13 4 0 0 23 44 8

Land Forces 10 4 0 0 16 24 8

Chinese Cadre 12 3 1 0 16 32 7

Police 11 8 1 0 26 30 9

Police 12 3 0 0 17 40 6

Dockyard 11 4 0 0 23 35 8

Kwong Wah 12 2 1 0 11 37 14

H.K. Club 12 1 0 0 14 43 3

Travancore 9 1 0 0 7 12 41

Fastball

The outcome of yesterday's encounters gave the league standing another shuffle leaving the Reds, Rovers and the Giants tied for first place.

The Eastern forwards showed a fine turn of speed, but they were not given sufficient support by the intermediate line, which had its hands full trying to stem the opposing forwards. Li Hung-ki on the Eastern wing tied for fastest and sent over some very nice centres.

The Eastern forwards were,

however, definitely off form when shooting and in consequence missed many "sitters," when they only had the South China goalie to beat.

In defence and attack, South China delighted their supporters with a sparkling display. In the opening stages of the game, Wong Wah-gai appeared to be somewhat nervous, but he settled down as the game progressed and in the second half brought off some excellent saves.

The South China full backs did not have a really strenuous afternoon as the half back line, ably led by Leung Wing-chiu, had the measure of the Eastern forwards and did not allow them much leeway.

Another win by a close score

was the tussle between the Canadian Chinese and the Giants.

Making two hits and a run in three in a very tight game, Tony Alves did well for the losers. He registered a 100 per cent fielding average with five put-outs and five assists.

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Down by one in the fourth, Hongkong scored five in the next to win by 11 runs to eight over the Baseballers.

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WOOL PANTIES NOT WANTED

Newark, N.J., Dec. 29.

When the United States War Assets Administration offered for sale several hundred thousands dollars worth of assorted textile commodities left over from the war, there was a rush of buyers for nearly all items but one—wool panties, 450 pairs of them.

The Government said these so-

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FILIPINO CLUB OPENS

The newly rebuilt Filipino Club at King's Park was formally declared open yesterday at a large gathering of members of the local Philippines community and their friends when Mrs. Roberto de la Sala raised to the masthead the flag of the Republic of the Philippines.

The President of the Club,

P. Vicente Nicolas Atienza,

addressed the gathering on the tradition of Rizal Day—yesterday being the anniversary of the death of the Filipino martyr—and spoke of the history of the Filipino Club.

Dr. Atienza said in part:

"Today we are celebrating

Rizal Day and the reopening of

the Filipino Club. The most

revered name in Philippine history

is that of Jose Rizal,

savant, author, doctor of medi-

cine, artist and martyr for the cause of freedom.

"We may set aside Rizal Day

as a holiday, but without the

spirit by which Rizal expected

us to live our gestures will not

serve the purpose for which he

came.

Now that Rizal's dreams have

become a reality—the Philippines being now a sovereign independent country—the

measure of our obligation to him cannot be formed by the words that find utterance on a memorial day. Rather, the true measure of our gratitude must be proved by what we do today to fulfil his ideals."

"It is with the greatest sense

of pride and gratification that we are able to reopen the

Philippines proudly floats in the sky.

China's November Imports

Shanghai, Dec. 29. China's total imports for the month of November amounted to CN\$191,727,230,000 in declared value while exports totalled CN\$39,071,738,000 for the same period, it was announced by the Chinese Maritime Customs today.

Compared with October imports of CN\$202,700,645,000, the total imports during November registered a decrease of CN\$10,973,516,000.

Against October exports of CN\$117,587,172,000, the November figures showed an increase of CN\$10,973,415,000.

Of November's total imports, vehicles and vessels totalling CN\$39,159,768,000 topped the list, followed by text books, atlas and newsprint amounting to CN\$16,948,287,000, while the import of raw cotton and cotton yarn aggregated CN\$15,739,489,000 ranked third, and metals and ores amounting to CN\$15,309,871,000 fourth.

The export of tung oil which amounted to CN\$12,076,405,000 topped November's total exports list, followed by bristles which totalled CN\$7,624,998,000. Taking third place in the exports list, silk amounted to CN\$3,383,824,000, while rough cotton cloth worth CN\$3,005,855,000 ranked fourth.—Central News.

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